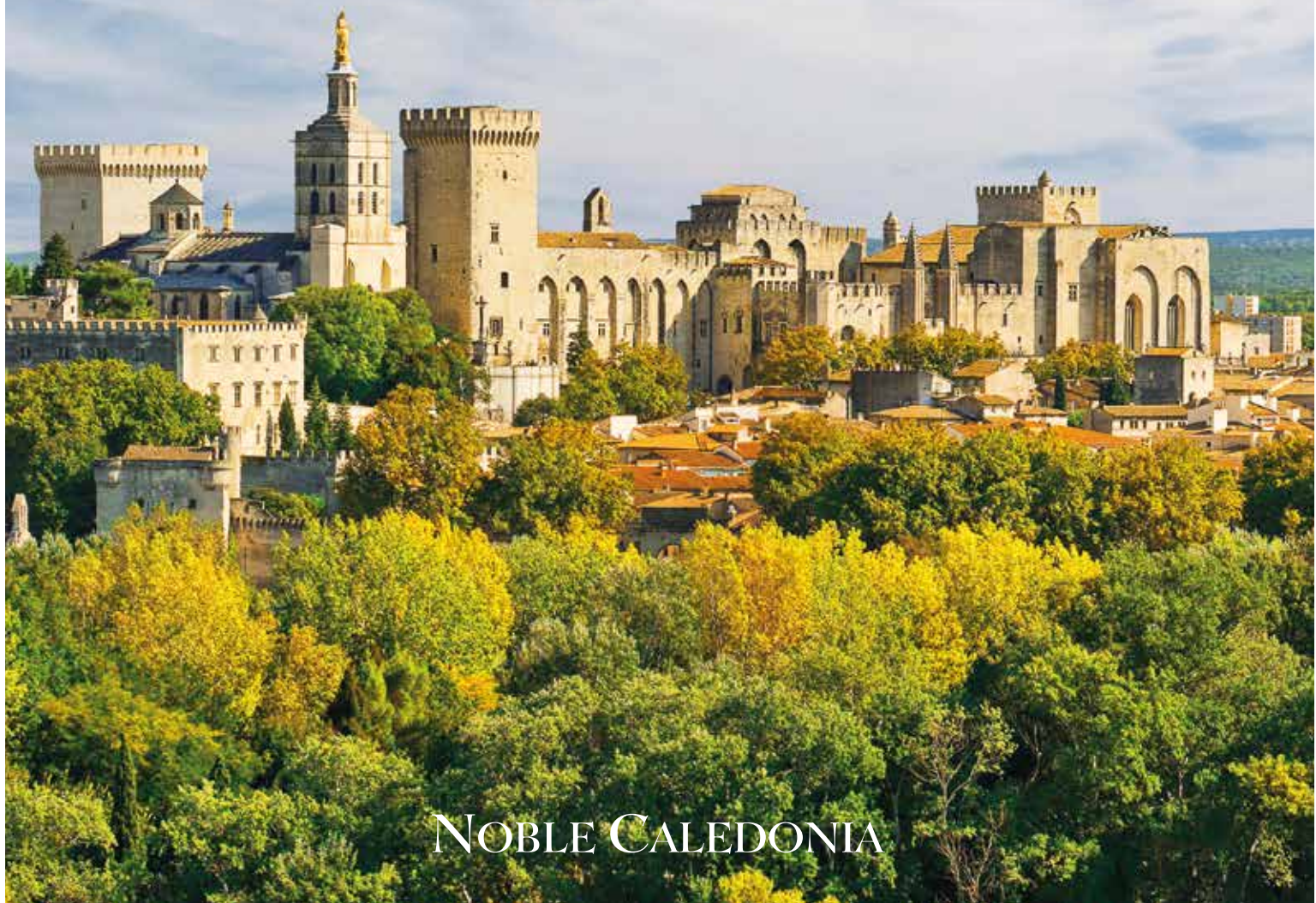


LIMITED AVAILABILITY – SAVE £200 PER PERSON

PASSAGE ALONG THE RHONE & SAONE

Discover the wonders of Burgundy & Provence
aboard the MS Van Gogh

22nd June to 29th June & 5th to 12th October 2026



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Fly south for summer or autumn in Burgundy and Provence where the light is magical, the colours vibrant and the landscape as beautiful and mesmerising as it appeared to the great impressionist artists. A problem with being one of the loveliest places on earth is that you will not be alone in your wish to explore this magical area of France. However, travelling by river along the Rhone and Saone offers the opportunity to forget the traffic jams and experience the countryside in a marvellously peaceful way. The subtle changes of landscape, lifestyles and architecture can be appreciated fully and nowhere is this more relevant than on these two French rivers which offer a passage through some truly wonderful scenery and an ever-changing countryside dotted with cypress, umbrella pine and vines.

Our relaxing seven-night river cruise will introduce you to the natural and historical wonders of the region through interesting onboard lectures, expertly guided shore excursions and some time at leisure to explore independently. There will also be ample time spent on board sailing, allowing you to appreciate the wonderful scenery and absorb the subtle changes in landscapes along the river. There will be the opportunity to explore France's gastronomic capital Lyon and visit Avignon, the great City of Popes which boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces and the impressive Roman amphitheatre at Arles. We will also visit the Camargue Natural Park to witness the stunning scenery and wildlife, including pink flamingos and the famous white horses. All this will be accomplished with ease from the comfort of the delightful 105-passenger MS Van Gogh.



Lyon



Arles



Viviers



Cluny Abbey



Vienne

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Lyon, France. Fly by scheduled flight. Upon arrival transfer to the MS Van Gogh and embark. Meet your fellow travellers this evening during welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Lyon. There will be a choice of tours this morning as we explore Lyon. Our city tour starts with a stop at the Fourvière Basilica where we can take in the breathtaking views. In 1168, a chapel was built by Olivier de Chavannes, the Saint Jean canon, over the ruins of the old Roman forum. The small chapel that was first dedicated to Saint Thomas and then to the Virgin Mary has been destroyed and rebuilt many times. Its current known form dates back to 1740 and its most recent renovation was in 2008. Later, we return to Lyon's old town where a walking tour will discover the "traboules", types of passageways that are typical of the city. Alternatively, join a food filled walking tour of this "Gastronomic Capital" which stops at several eateries to taste the local cuisine. We will discover the multitude of sweets and pastries made with pink praline, a delicious local confection, whilst those with a savoury tooth can enjoy a tasting of regional charcuterie. We will return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board as we cruise to Macon.

Day 3 Macon & Cluny Abbey. From our berth in Macon, we have a choice of excursion this morning. Maybe visit Cluny Abbey which was founded in 910 by William the Pious. The abbey was under the direct protection of Rome and its abbot was granted the role of mediator between the political leaders and the pope. This ancient Benedictine Abbey extended a widespread influence on all of Medieval Europe. Its church was the largest in all of West Christianity until Saint Peter's Basilica was built in Rome. In 1798, the abbey was sold as a national asset and thus dismantled, while its church was almost completely destroyed. Alternatively, spend the morning in the charming Burgundy town of Macon which has a wide range of striking monuments and beautiful old mansions in the old town. With their unique roof tiles and brightly coloured facades the city has a Mediterranean feel. Return to the MS Van Gogh for lunch as we sail this afternoon.

Day 4 Vienne. We will spend this morning in the fine Roman town of Vienne, beautifully located in the Rhone Valley and surrounded by hills. During our

walking tour, we will learn about its Roman era with a visit to the Temple of Augustus and Livia and the Roman theatre which was one of the largest in the Roman Empire with a capacity for 13,000 spectators. Our final visit will be the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral St Maurice. Relax on board this afternoon as we continue our journey south.

Day 5 Avignon & Arles for The Camargue. The great City of the Popes boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces. Our guided walking tour will include the Palais des Papes, one of the wonders of Provence and the largest and most important Medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. We will also visit the Cathedral and have time to wander in the Place De L'Horloge which is built on top of the Roman Forum and the heart of Avignon. During lunch on board, we sail the short distance to Arles from where we make our way to the Camargue. Admire the scenery which is comprised of rivers, marshes and ponds, and see the pink flamingos, black bulls and the famous, indigenous Camargue horses. We will see the renowned salt and rice fields and also visit a manade (bull breeding farm) and learn about the work of a manadier as we watch a demonstration of how they work with the animals they raise. This evening, we will enjoy some Provencal entertainment on board as we moor overnight.

Day 6 Arles & Viviers. Spend the morning exploring Arles. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Arles sits on a low hill where the Rhone River branches in two parts to the sea. The town dates back to the 7th century BC and was a major Gallo-Roman city. The Roman sites are unique in that they are integrated into the houses and buildings of the town. During our walking tour we will see the huge amphitheatre and the former Cathedral of St Trophime, a Romanesque Basilica constructed in the 12th century. Afterwards we drive to a farmhouse in nearby Tarascon to learn about the cultivation of olives and for a tasting of the famous Provencal olive oil. We will re-embark in Avignon where the ship will have sailed to meet us and have lunch on board as we sail to Viviers. Viviers has been a residence of bishops since the 5th century. This small town is like an open-air museum where on an evening walking tour we will find France's smallest cathedral, the House of Knights with a superb Renaissance façade and the Tower of St Michel.

Arles



Flamingos, Camargue

Day 7 Tournon. Spend the morning cruising to Tournon, a pretty town located in the heart of the Rhone Valley. A walking tour will include the Chateau de Tournon, a castle dating back to the 16th century which is now a museum and where there will be the opportunity to discover the permanent collection on display which highlights the history of navigation on the Rhone River. This imposing castle was built on a high granite rock overlooking the town and was the domain of the Counts of Tournon. At the foot of the castle, enjoy a pleasant walk along the streets and alleys of the historic centre which will take you back to the Middle Ages. Our visit will end with a tasting of local food and wines.

Day 8 Lyon to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Main Deck Twin	£3195	£2995
2	Upper Deck Twin with French Balcony	£3395	£3195
3	Main Deck Single	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights aboard the MS Van Gogh on a full board basis • All-inclusive drinks from 10am to 11pm daily (please note premium brands & sparkling wine are not included) • Shore excursions • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance

Pre-cruise Annecy Extension

19th to 22nd June & 2nd to 5th October 2026

If you would like to spend some time in France's Haute-Savoie region before embarking the MS Van Gogh we are offering a three night extension in the charming lakeside city of Annecy.



Annecy

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Annecy, France. Fly by scheduled flight to Geneva. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to Le Pelican Hotel in Annecy. After check in enjoy free time before we meet for dinner this evening. (D)

Day 2 Annecy. After breakfast in the hotel we will discover Annecy, the capital of Haute-Savoie and known as the "Venice of the Alps". Stroll through the old town with its charming canals, flowery banks, adorable little bridges and beautiful houses with colourful facades. In the heart of the old town, admire the Palais de l'Île, a former prison and courthouse, and stroll along rue Sainte-Claire lined with pretty arcaded houses. Explore the quays, bridges and old pedestrian streets to discover the eventful history of the city built along the Thiou. After lunch we return to the hotel for a free afternoon and evening to explore at your own pace, you may wish to climb up to the Chateau d'Annecy for views over the town or take a wander on the lakeside. (B, L)

Day 3 Yvoire. Depart this morning for a tour of Yvoire. On the shores of Lake Geneva, this charming Medieval village is considered one of the most beautiful villages in France. With over 700 years of history, we will see the ramparts, fortified gates and the impressive 14th century castle and garden. After lunch at a local restaurant, we make our way back to Annecy for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4 Annecy to Lyon. After breakfast in the hotel we will drive to Hautecombe Abbey located on the shores of Lac du Bourget, France's largest natural lake. Here we will tour the abbey and enjoy a cruise of the lake. After lunch we continue our journey to Lyon to embark the MS Van Gogh. (B, L)



Yvoire

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1495** Single: **£1795**

Price Includes: Three nights at Le Pelican Hotel in Annecy, meals as indicated including drinks (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS VAN GOGH

For our voyages along the Rhone we have chartered the delightful MS Van Gogh from our associates at Croisi Europe. The vessel accommodates a maximum of 105 passengers and offers spacious public areas and comfortable cabins. She is a charming vessel and joining you on board will be a Noble Caledonia team including a Cruise Director, Tour Manager and Guest Speaker.

Your Cabin

The cabins are spread across the Main and Upper Decks and all are outside facing. All cabins are attractively furnished and feature an en-suite bathroom with shower, TV, telephone, safe, hairdryer, individual air-conditioning and heating controls, and a closet. Twin cabins measure 15 square metres and single cabins measure 11 square metres. Cabins on the Main Deck feature picture windows, and those on the Upper Deck feature French Balcony style (floor to ceiling) sliding windows, allowing you to admire the passing scenery from your cabin.

Your Space

The public areas aboard the MS Van Gogh are both elegantly furnished and spacious. The lounge on the Upper Deck is a relaxing environment in which to admire the passing scenery, socialise and enjoy a drink from the bar. There is also a spacious Sun Deck with comfortable deck furniture, the perfect place to relax and appreciate the beautiful vistas whilst cruising along the Rhone. The open-seating restaurant is located on the Upper Deck and there is a small souvenir shop on board.

Your Dining

Meals are taken in a single sitting in the MS Van Gogh's bright and airy restaurant located on the Upper Deck. The open-seating restaurant offers delicious international cuisine and regional specialities. Breakfast and lunch are buffet style with hot and cold items and dinner is a served set menu with a choice of either two main courses or a vegetarian option. Alcoholic and soft drinks are included in your holiday price (excluding premium brands and sparkling wine) as are tea and coffee which are available throughout the day on a self-serve basis and with meals.





Lounge



Bar

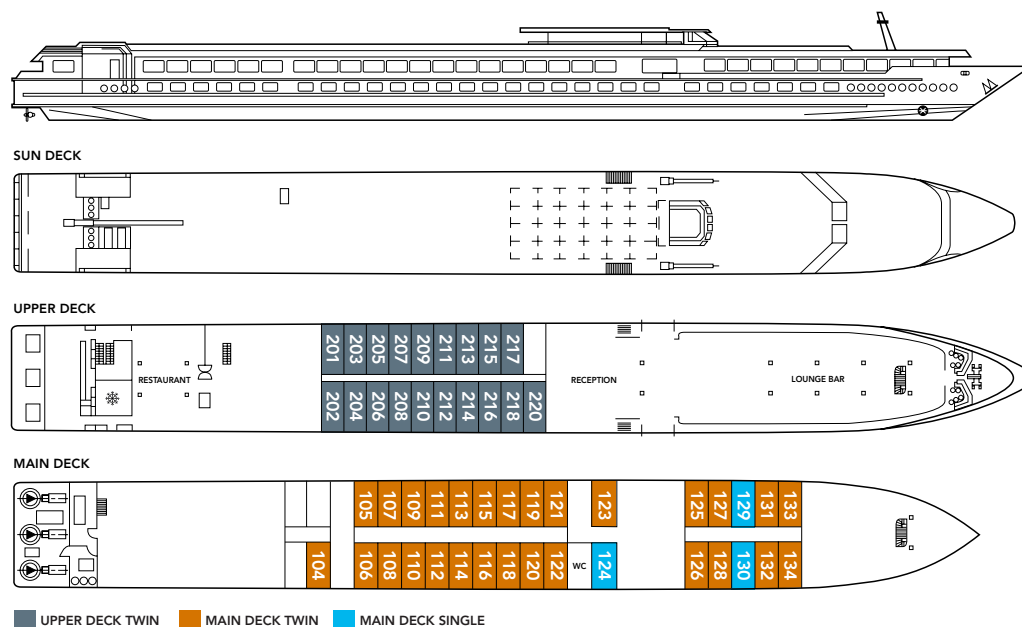


Restaurant

Life On Board

The friendly onboard staff will provide you with excellent service and do much to contribute to your enjoyment throughout your journey. You will find yourself amongst like-minded guests in an English-speaking environment and the atmosphere on board is relaxed and informal with a comfortable and casual dress code. A daily briefing by the Cruise Director will provide you with information on the next day's activities and expert English-speaking guides will accompany you on the included excursions. In addition, you will be accompanied by a Guest Speaker who will provide entertaining and informative talks.

DECK PLAN



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